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SUBJECT: PRESS REPORT OF PAK THREWS TO QUIT CENTO DELHI NEWSPAPERS FEATURED JUNE 13 A UNI REPORT FROM NEW YORK THAT PAKISTAN HAS THREATENED TO QUIT CENTO AND JOIN THE NN-ALIGNED IF HE US DOES NOT RESUME LARGE-SCALE MILITARY ASSISTANCE. ACCORDING TO UNI, THB ASSISTANCE "PAKISTAN DEMANDS" INCLUDES SEVERAL

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AS 'TWIN THREATS' FROM INDIA AND AFGHANISTAN." THE STORY SAYS THAT "IT IS LEARN " THAT YUGOSLAV FOREIGN

MINISTER JOSIP VRHOVEC (SIC) TOLD GOI FOREIGN MINISTER VAJPAYEZ JUNE 9 OF THE PAK DESIRE TO LEAVE CENTO AND ASKED FOR INDIA'S REACTION. HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO UNI,

AGHA SHAHI MADE NO MENTION OF SUCH AN INTENTION WHEN HE MET WITH VAJPAYEE A FEW DAYS AGO. UNI SAYS PAKISTAN IS

BELIEVED TO BE SEEKING TWO THINGS: TO PRESSURE AMERICA INTO RESUMING MILITARY SUPPLIES AND WITHDRAWING OPPOSITION TOO THE REPROCESSING PLANT AND TO REFURBISH ITS IMAGE TARNISHED BY POLITICAL INSTABILITY. UNI SAYS HAV INDIAN OFFICIALS REFUSED TO COMMENT ON MPE REPORT. UNIIALSO SAY THAT IN THEIR TALKS IN TEHERAN, THE SHAH IS BELIEVED TO HAVE TOLD SHAHI THAT IT WAS IN PAKISTAN'S INTEREST TO SEEK CLOSER COOPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING WITH INDIA. THUS, "HAVING FAILED TO ENLIST SHAH'S SUPPORT PAKISTAN HAS NOW THOUGHT OF THIS STRATEGY OF BLACKMAILING AMERICA", UNI CONCLUDES.

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